

Agenda

Kentucky Summit on Children



Courts and Community: Improving Systems for Our Children

Louisville, Kentucky

August 27-29, 2007

Summit Participants: Have questions or need information during the Summit on Children? Conference staff will be on hand each day in the registration area on the Second Level.

Sunday, August 26

4:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Early Registration**
Second Level

Monday, August 27

7:00 – 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
Second Level

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. **Registration**
Second Level

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Welcome**
Second Level, Ballrooms V and VI

Introduction by Jason M. Nemes, Director of the
Administrative Office of the Courts

Joseph E. Lambert, Chief Justice of Kentucky

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Our Children,” Produced by Third Branch Productions, Office for
Judicial Branch Education, Administrative Office of the Courts

Goals & Objectives

Introduction by Laurie K. Dudgeon, Deputy Director of the
Administrative Office of the Courts

Chief Judge Sara W. Combs, Kentucky Court of Appeals

Monday, August 27

10:15 a.m. – Noon

Opening Plenary: Understanding the Parameters of the Courts *Second Level, Ballrooms V and VI*

Introduction by Patrick Yewell, General Manager, Department of Juvenile Services, Administrative Office of the Courts

Moderated by Justice Mary C. Noble, Supreme Court of Kentucky

Panelists:

Robert J. Benvenuti, Attorney, Barnett Benvenuti & Butler PLLC

Lewis Paisley, Senior Judge, Kentucky Court of Justice

Allison Connelly, Associate Clinical Professor of Law,
University of Kentucky College of Law

Justice Noble will lead a panel of experts in a discussion on how the Kentucky Court of Justice participates in child welfare issues. The panel will focus on appropriate procedures and how to balance the rights of all parties in court cases involving children.

Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Luncheon Plenary: Court Involvement in the Child and the Family Services Review Process *Second Level, Ballrooms V and VI*

Introduction by Mark D. Birdwhistell, Secretary of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Governor Ernie Fletcher, Commonwealth of Kentucky

Introduction by Secretary Birdwhistell

Judge Steven Rideout, Consultant, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Judge Rideout will lead participants through the Child and Family Services Review process, a national initiative to study the overall welfare of children in America. Judge Rideout is in the process of collaborating with every chief justice in the nation on this issue. He will provide a powerful perspective and a snapshot of Kentucky's progress.

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

Breakout Sessions A - F

Note: Please check the back of your nametag for your breakout session assignments. It is important for you to attend the sessions you registered for as space is extremely limited.

Monday, August 27

Breakout A

CFSR and Kentucky: Where Are the Courts and Where Do We Go From Here?

Second Level, Salons I and II

Judge Brandy O. Brown, Clark and Madison District Courts

James Grace, Assistant Director, Division of Protection and Permanency, Department for Community Based Services

Dr. Ruth Huebner, Child Welfare Researcher, Department for Community Based Services

Patricia R. Wilson, CFSR Coordinator, Department for Community Based Services

The federal Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) process holds states accountable for improving safety, permanency and well-being for children in the child welfare system. Participants will receive an update on the progress being made in Kentucky and the steps needed to sustain that progress.

Breakout B

Undoing Racism: Barriers to Justice

First Level, Salon B

Delanor Manson, Executive Director, Office of Quality Improvement, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Larry Michalczyk, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

This session will provide participants with a basic knowledge of the alarming racial disproportionality and disparate outcomes for children and families involved in the child welfare system. The presenters will explore racial disproportionality as a national concern as well as an issue in Kentucky.

Breakout C

Domestic Violence and Child Protection: Model Collaborations and Systemic Change

Second Level, Salons IX and X

Rashmi Adi-Brown, Director of Programs and Prevention, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky

Judge Jerry J. Bowles, Jefferson Circuit Court, Family Court Division

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Michelle Carle, Family Services Office Supervisor, Department for Community Based Services

Darlene B. Thomas, Executive Director, Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program

This session will detail strategies for improving trust and collaboration between child protection and domestic violence advocates. These strategies include creative safety planning and appropriate service plans to protect the victims (mother and child) and to hold abusers accountable for the violence.

Breakout D

Innovative Approaches to Tackling Substance Abuse

Second Level, Salons VII and VIII

Judge Eleanore M. Garber, Jefferson Circuit Court, Family Court Division

Karyn Hascal, Deputy Executive Director, Office of Drug Control Policy

Judge Lucinda Masterton, Fayette Circuit Court, Family Court Division

Duane F. Osborne, Assistant County Attorney, Fayette County

Sherri Stover, Family Drug Court Children's Coordinator, Department of Juvenile Services, Administrative Office of the Courts

Tina Willauer, Sobriety, Treatment and Recovery Team, Department for Community Based Services

Substance abuse is one of the most significant problems facing Kentucky families. This session will highlight innovative programs that combine treatment with court proceedings to equip parents with the skills and confidence they need to achieve sobriety and improve their ability to parent.

Breakout E

Technological Innovations and Targeted Decision-Making

First Level, Salon A

Bobby Reid, Systems Analyst, TWIST (The Workers Information System), Kentucky State Automated Child Welfare System

From the Administrative Office of the Courts:

Troy Bell, Data Analysis Coordinator, Department of Juvenile Services

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James Columbia, Information Specialist, Department of Juvenile Services

Sara Boswell Dent, Executive Director and Government Affairs Liaison

John Dobson, General Manager, Department of Court Services

Mattie Spicer, Supervisor of Case Management, Department of Court Services

Technological advances within the Kentucky Court of Justice have revolutionized how court system data is collected and reported. Comprehensive data analysis regarding juvenile matters is now possible. This will assist judges with their decision-making and enhance interagency collaboration while ensuring the integrity of the statutory protections afforded juveniles. Participants will learn how to request and use court data from the new and improved system.

Breakout F

Adolescent Brain Development

Second Level, Salon III and IV

Suzette E. Brann, President, Unlimited Horizons LLC

Ms. Brann will draw upon her research and unique experiences in the area of child welfare to examine the connection between adverse life experiences and adolescent brain development.

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Breakout Sessions A - F Repeated

4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Breakout Sessions A - F Repeated

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Reception

Second Level, Salons VI and V

Change a Lifetime, Change the Future

Janiva Magness, Blues and Roots Vocalist and Former Foster Child

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and get to know the other Summit participants at a reception featuring Janiva Magness, a highly regarded contemporary blues artist who will speak about her experiences as a former foster child.

Tuesday, August 28

7:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Second Level

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Recap of Day One & Overview of Day Two

Second Level, Salons VI and V

Joseph E. Lambert, Chief Justice of Kentucky

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Opening Plenary: Who's for Kids? And Who's Just Kidding?

Second Level, Salons VI and V

Judge Charles D. Gill, Connecticut Superior Court
Sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky

Judge Gill is a tireless advocate for the rights of children. He rails at America's neglect of our children. Judge Gill will enumerate the shortcomings of all of the professions that affect children, including his own.

10:45 – 11:45 p.m.

Breakout Sessions A - F

Breakout A

Youth With Sexual Behavior Problems and Offenses

Second Level, Salon I

Judge C. Douglas Chamberlain, Probate Court, Logan County, Ohio

Rodney Young, Director of Mental Health Services, Department for Juvenile Justice

Juveniles with sexual behavior problems or offenses are among the most misunderstood and underserved groups of adolescents. Judge Chamberlain and Dr. Young will provide a comprehensive legal and clinical look at juvenile sex offenders.

Breakout B

Status Offenders in Confinement

First Level, Salon B

Judge Paul Lawrence, Goffstown District Court, Goffstown, N.H.

Mavis Williamson, Specialist, Department of Juvenile Justice

This session will educate participants on federal regulations governing the detention of status offenders and how Kentucky can remain in compliance.

Tuesday, August 28

Breakout C

Best Practices for Dependency, Neglect and Abuse Cases

Second Level, Salon II

Elizabeth Whitney Barnes, Manager, Model Courts Division,
National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Crystal Collins-Camargo, University of Kentucky College of Social
Work

Judge Patricia Walker FitzGerald, Jefferson Circuit Court, Family
Court Division

Lyn Lee Bruckner, Unit Supervisor, Department of Juvenile
Services, Administrative Office of the Courts

An assessment of the Kentucky Court Improvement Project
yielded a number of findings and recommendations about how
the court system handles cases involving dependency, neglect and
abuse. This session will provide an overview of the assessment
process along with information on the Kentucky Model Courts
Program and other Court Improvement Project initiatives.

Breakout D

**Meeting the Educational Needs of Youth in the Juvenile Justice
System**

First Level, Salon A

Nijel Clayton, Dropout Prevention Coordinator, Department of
Education

Judge Margaret R. Huddleston, Warren Circuit Court, Family
Court Division

Ronnie Nolan, Associate Director, Kentucky Educational
Collaboration for State Agency Children

Mary Salsman-Buckley, Program Director, Department for
Juvenile Justice

This session will highlight the various educational needs of
children due to child maltreatment and/or juvenile delinquency.
Special attention will be given to addressing truancy and youth
who are in out-of-home care.

Tuesday, August 28

Breakout E

Innovative Collaborations for Adolescent Substance Abuse

Second Level, Salon III

Kari Collins, Adolescent Liaison, Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services

Michael Gosser, Adolescent Clinical Trainer, Kentucky Youth First

Libby Mills, Director, Department of Juvenile Justice

Judge Cathy E. Prewitt, Juvenile Drug Court, McCreary and Whitley District Courts

Patrick Yewell, General Manager, Department of Juvenile Services, Administrative Office of the Courts

The growing drug and alcohol epidemic among young people presents unique challenges to schools, families, communities, law enforcement and the juvenile court system. This session will highlight Kentucky programs that use creative, multidisciplinary techniques to help stem the problem of substance abuse in teens and explore the use of the GAIN (Global Appraisal of Individual Needs) assessment tools.

Breakout F

Innovative Mental Assessments for Family Court: Legal and Clinical Perspectives

Second Level, Salon IV

Beth Armstrong and Sonny Hatfield, Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation

James J. Clark and Andrea Dennis, University of Kentucky College of Law

Judge Karen A. Thomas, Campbell County District Court

This session will give participants a basic understanding of mental health issues in Family Court. The presenters will explore the legal and clinical crossover and give an overview of Kentucky's response to this complex issue.

Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Luncheon Session: Foster Children Panel

Second Level, Salons VI and V

Introduction by Mark A. Washington, Commissioner, Department for Community Based Services

Moderated by Judge Jo Ann Wise, Fayette Circuit Court, Family Court Division

Tuesday, August 28

1:45 – 2:45 p.m. **Breakout Sessions A - F Repeated**

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Breakout Sessions A - F Repeated**

4:15 – 5:15 p.m. **Regional Work Groups**

Tuesday Evening Enjoy dinner on your own and take time to explore the wonderful city of Louisville! Check with the hotel staff in the front lobby for dining suggestions.

Wednesday, August 29

7:00 – 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
Second Level

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. **Recap of Day Two & Overview of Day Three**
Second Level, Salons VI and V

Joseph E. Lambert, Chief Justice of Kentucky

9:15 – 10:15 a.m. **The Real Heroes**
Second Level, Salons VI and V

Introduction by Tom Emberton, Deputy Secretary, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Dave Pelzer, Former Foster Child/ Author and Speaker

This rare heartfelt program is given by a man whose life was saved by a system that many ridicule as being useless and incompetent. Dave Pelzer carefully weaves the story of how his life was saved by teachers, a school nurse, the police department, social services and the foster care system. This is the perfect keynote for those within the system who are in need of a positive shot in the arm from a man who has also dedicated his life to helping others.

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **Next Steps: Regional Work Groups**
Please check the back of your nametag for your regional work group assignments and meet in the appropriate room.

Wednesday, August 29

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Luncheon Keynote Address**

Second Level, Salons VI and V

Introduction by Kentucky Senator Katie Kratz Stine

Patricia J. Kempthorne, Former First Lady of Idaho

To better meet the needs of our most vulnerable youth, we must rethink the way that systems are responding to those needs. As former First Lady of Idaho, Patricia Kempthorne was instrumental in convening the Governor's Council on Children and Families. She will share how this coordinating body was responsible for aligning policies, improving systems, engaging communities and building the public will in Idaho to change the odds for youth.

12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Second Level, Salons VI and V

Chief Justice Lambert

Thank you for participating in the Kentucky Summit on Children and have a safe trip home!